

HOUSE BILL REPORT

2SSB 5085

As Passed House:

March 8, 2022

Title: An act relating to modifying the alternative fuel vehicle fee for electric motorcycles.

Brief Description: Modifying the alternative fuel vehicle fee for electric motorcycles.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes and Lovelett).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 3/15/21, 2/28/22 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/8/22, 94-3.

Brief Summary of Second Substitute Bill

- Lowers the additional annual electric vehicle registration renewal fee on electric motorcycles from \$150 to \$30.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 28 members: Representatives Fey, Chair; Bronoske, 2nd Vice Chair; Ramos, 2nd Vice Chair; Barkis, Ranking Minority Member; Eslick, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Robertson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Volz, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Berry, Chapman, Dent, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Goehner, Griffey, Hackney, Klicker, McCaslin, Orcutt, Paul, Ramel, Riccelli, Slatter, Sutherland, Taylor, Valdez, Walsh and Wicks.

Staff: Beth Redfield (786-7140).

Background:

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In addition to any other fees due at annual vehicle registration renewal, an electric or hybrid vehicle using at least one method of propulsion capable of being reenergized by an external source of electricity and is capable of traveling at least 30 miles using only battery power, powered by electricity, are subject to two electric vehicle fees that total \$150. The vehicles these fees apply to include electric motorcycles.

The first fee is \$100 and is deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund, up to \$1 million annually. If in any year the amount collected exceeds \$1 million, the excess amount is distributed as follows: 70 percent to the Motor Vehicle Fund; 15 percent to the Transportation Improvement Account; and 15 percent to the Rural Arterial Trust Account.

The second fee is \$50. The first \$1 million raised by the fee was deposited into the Multimodal Transportation Account. Any remaining amounts must be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund. The \$1 million threshold was reached in November 2017, and fee revenues from the \$50 fees are currently deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund.

Summary of Bill:

Beginning November 1, 2022, the additional annual electric vehicle registration renewal fee for motorcycles powered solely by electricity is lowered from \$150 to \$30. The additional fee for electric motorcycles is deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on November 1, 2022.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) None.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.